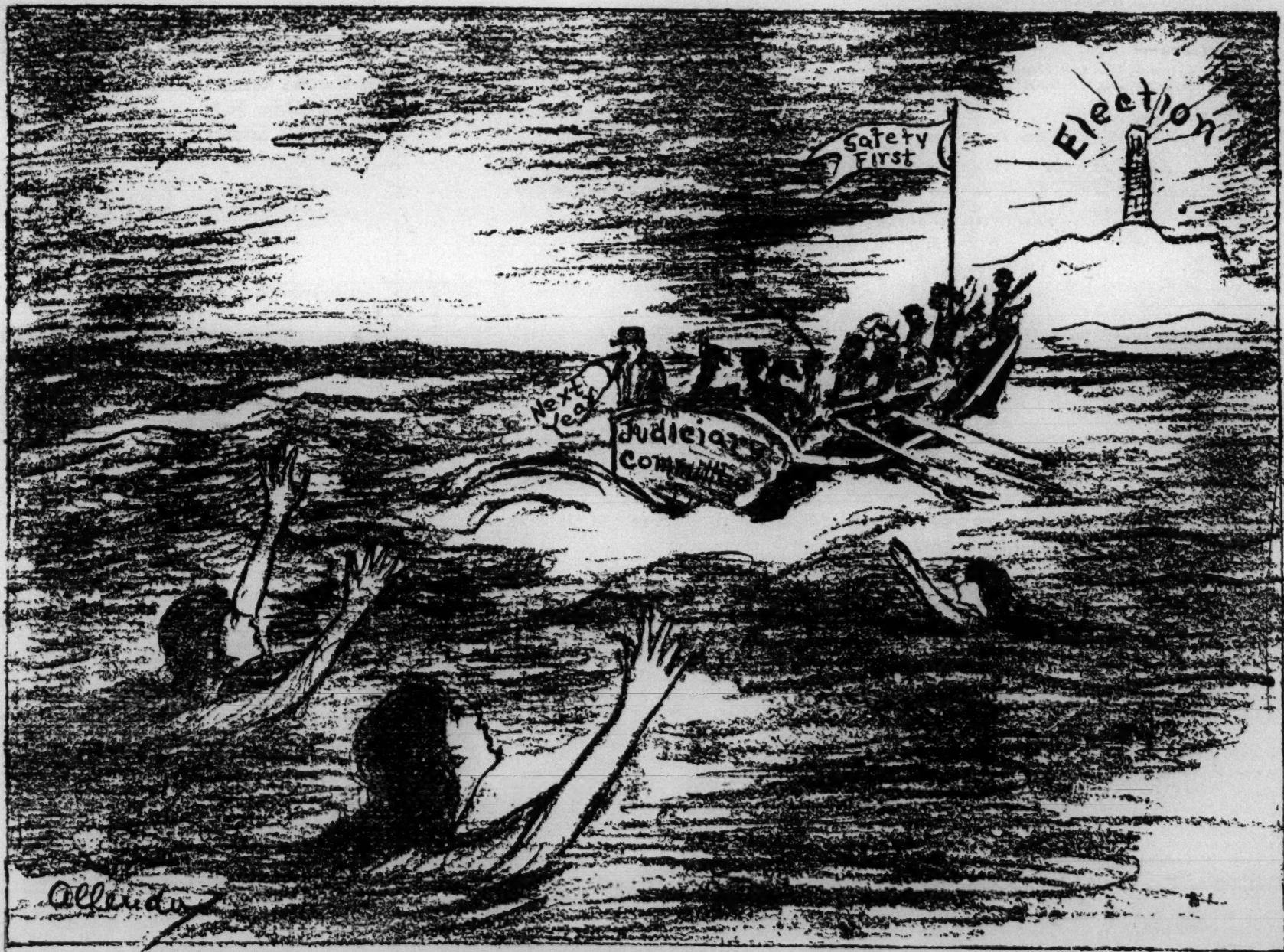


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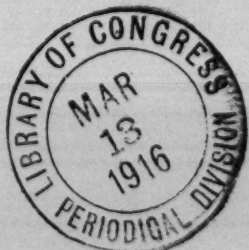
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General Notes of the Week

Woman Voters' Resolution Presented to the Senate

FRIDAY, March 3, William Howard Thompson, the Democratic Senator from Kansas, presented to the Senate the resolution passed by the woman voters of Kansas at the meeting at the state house, Topeka, February 23, 1916.

The resolution, as given in the *Congressional Record*, reads:

"Whereas the political freedom of the women of this country is a vital question that demands immediate attention; and,

"Whereas we, as women who already possess the franchise, regard it as our first duty to use our political power to gain this right for other women; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, women voters of the State of Kansas, urge upon Congress the necessity of immediately submitting the suffrage amendment to the legislatures of the various states, in order that this measure of justice may soon be a part of our National Constitution.

"The above resolution was passed at a meeting of 100 women held February 23 at the state house, Topeka, Kansas.

"LILLA DAY MONROE,
"Chairman of Meeting."

New York Women to Establish Voting Residence

AFTER the defeat of equal suffrage in the four Eastern States last fall, several prominent women, among them Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, announced that they would leave the man-suffrage states in which they lived and establish a residence in an equal-suffrage state of the West. The movement has gained in favor all through the eastern states and numbers of women have declared their intention to follow Mrs. Blatch's lead. Among the New York state women who will go to Kansas to establish a voting residence before the next presidential election are Mrs. Blatch, Mrs. Ada Muir, of Cazenovia; Mrs. Frank Payne, of Corning; Miss Harriet Payne, of Elmira, and Miss R. Osterhaut of Ilion.

Woman Nominated for National Convention

THE democratic committee that selected nominees for the California delegation to the St. Louis national convention, at a meeting early this week, announced today that, in addition to three women candidates nominated, the name of Mrs. Bird E. Hobdy, of El Centro, had been substituted for that of one of the male nominees.

This action was taken, Sydney Van Wyck, Jr. explained, because of criticism of women who attended the meeting that they were not given a fair hearing.

New Suffrage Organization

A NEW suffrage organization known as "The Equal Suffrage Preferential League," has been formed in California. The membership card reads as follows:

"I believe in democracy.

"I believe that equal suffrage is one of the most important steps toward democracy today.

"I believe in boosting those communities which have shown their faith in democracy by recognizing the equal citizenship of women with men. I am willing therefore to pledge myself that I will study to advance the interests of such states and countries as have given the ballot to women, and that, as far as is reasonably practicable, I will trade by preference with dealers and manufacturers whose headquarters are in such communities."

The league states that a "white list" will be furnished on request. It states also that there are no membership dues. The league is supported by voluntary contributions.

A Woman Justice

A BILL introduced in the Assembly of New York State provides for a woman justice for the children's court. Says the *Woman Lawyers Journal*, commenting on the situation:

"Each year someone introduces an amendment akin to this, but it gets no further than the legislature.

"Evidently the need for a woman justice in the children's court is admitted and well understood; but to fill the need, AH, 'THAT IS DIFFERENT.'"

Chilian Women Protest Against Man-Made Laws

THAT the woman's rights movement is no isolated phenomenon, but a world-wide upheaval of sex no longer satisfied with an inferior political and social status, is shown by the protest being made by a group of distinguished Chilian women against laws which give to the husband in Chili the control of the wife's property, her wages, her children, and their property and wages.

Philippine Bill in House

THE Philippine bill, including the Clark amendment as passed by the Senate, providing for independence any time between two and four years, in the President's discretion, was favorably reported to the House last week by the House Insular Affairs Committee by a vote of eleven to eight.

There does not seem to have been any trouble in the minds of the Senators who passed the bill in that branch of the Congress and the Representatives who voted a favorable report on it in the House Committee as to whether or not it is the proper thing to extend the privilege of self government to the Filipinos. It seems inconceivable that any of them can wish to delay self government among the citizens of their own states.

The Shoe on the Other Foot

REPORTING a banquet of Washington business men who were demanding suffrage for the District of Columbia, the *Washington Star*, of March 7, said:

"Senator Pomerene solemnly declared that the citizens of Washington haven't even the right to fill a stein. He said he would not live in Washington without the right to vote.

"If I were a citizen of the District," he continued, "I would bombard the doors of Congress until they would think the hosts of the Kaiser were there with their cannon."

"He referred to the fact that five states, which have smaller populations than is enrolled in the District, enjoy full political rights, and that even the Filipinos have more to do with their local self-government than is accorded to Washingtonians."

Yet the lobby cards in the Congressional Union files show that Senator Pomerene is strongly opposed to the enactment of a law that would protect one-half of the citizens of the United States in the enjoyment of a right which he demands for himself as a sovereign right of citizenship.

If he were a citizen of the District he would "bombard the doors of Congress until they would think the hosts of the Kaiser were there with their cannon," yet more than one suffragist has left Senator Pomerene's office with the assurance that his impatience and disgust knew no bounds because of the insistent appeals of women for political liberty.

Wilson Believes in Equality of All Citizens

PRESIDENT WILSON, speaking to a committee of Hungarians who went last week to assure him of the unswerving loyalty of the race in this country in case of friction between the United States and the central European powers, said, in part:

"I welcome this occasion as an opportunity of expressing my unqualified confidence in those thoughtful citizens like yourselves, who have identified themselves in heart, as well as in fortune, with this great country which is so dear to all of us, which is compounded of all of us, and which does not belong to any one section or portion of us. I have tried to show on various occasions my passion for that equality which ought to obtain among all those who profess allegiance to the United States."

But as yet Mr. Wilson's "trying" has not been sufficiently demonstrated to suffragists to make them believe that he is absolutely sincere in having any "passion for that equality which ought to obtain among all those who profess allegiance to the United States."

4,000,000—Even at That

By Helena Hill Weed

THE figures in last week's *SUFFRAGIST*, with regard to the four million women voters, have aroused great interest, and workers have asked for further information giving the probable number of non-Caucasian and alien women in the enfranchised states at the present time. The figures for these classes in last week's issue were the 1910 figures, and requests have come to headquarters that estimates be compiled for these classes in 1916, as they were for the total female population over 21 years of age in that issue.

In the report of the Hearing before the Judiciary Committee of the House, December 16, 1915, Mrs. A. J. George, of Boston, speaking for the anti-suffragists, is quoted as saying that there was no need for the party in power to be panicky over the threat of 4,000,000 inflammable women voters.

"When they say they have 4,000,000 women voters, go to your census and you will find that, although given Illinois for good measure, . . . there are only 3,600,000 women of voting age, and that includes all the women who could not vote because of the naturalization laws, the Chinese women, all the Negro and Indian women, and it includes all women of foreign birth, many of whom have not been naturalized."

The insinuation that Negroes, Indians, Orientals, and alien women not yet naturalized should all be excluded from the total female population above 21 years of age, in the twelve free states, in estimating the number of possible women voters in 1916, is indefensible.

In the first place, all Negro women who can fill the state qualifications as to residence, literacy and property have full voting rights which are recognized in all these states. All Chinese, Japanese and other Oriental women who were born in this country or have been naturalized, by marriage or otherwise, are citizens, under the XIVth Amendment, with full voting rights. Many of them are now voting in the coast states. All Indian women not living in tribal relations on Government Reservations have full political rights, provided they can meet the state qualifications.

The most erroneous assumption of all is to suppose that all alien women must be naturalized, after a five years' residence in this country, before they can vote, and that therefore all alien women who have been in the country less than five years are automatically excluded from consideration. Two of the suffrage states¹ do not require American citizenship from foreign-born voters. In Kansas after a residence of six months in the United States, and in Oregon after one year's residence any alien may, upon declaration of intention of becoming an American citizen, acquire full voting rights, if he can meet the state qualifications. Single women and widows could qualify in these states without waiting for naturalization. An alien women may marry an American citizen immediately upon her arrival in this country, thereby becoming fully natural-

¹Other states which grant full voting rights to aliens without naturalization are: Alabama, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Texas.

ized and eligible for enfranchisement under the state laws.

Even if Mrs. George's suggestion were accurate, and assuming that all the women of all these classes, Negro, Indian, Oriental and aliens of less than five years' residence in this country, were every one ineligible for enfranchisement—a preposterous assumption—there would still be 4,034,594 women over 21 years of age in the twelve free states.

The following tables are based on the tables found in the Abstract of the Census of 1910, and the estimates of increase are based, not on the actual increase of the past ten years, but on the advancing rate of increase. The figures quoted last week showed the estimated female population above 21 years of age to be 4,396,333. The object of these figures given this week is to show that, with every exclusion that opponents can offer, there are still over 4,000,000 women of voting age in the free West who can be organized and won to the work of freeing women.

NEGRO WOMEN OVER 21 YEARS:

	Female negroes over 21 years, 1910	Per cent increase	Estimated female negroes over 21 years, 1916
Illinois,	34,372	28.2	44,064
Kansas,	15,289	3.9	15,885
Montana,	553	20.4	666
Idaho,	187	122.2	416
Wyoming,	494	137.8	1,175
Colorado,	3,861	33.6	5,158
Arizona,	635	8.7	690
Utah,	313	70.2	533
Nevada,	202	282.8	773
Washington,	1,697	141.	4,088
Oregon,	443	35.	598
California,	6,936	96.	13,595
Total.....			87,641

INDIAN AND ORIENTAL WOMEN OVER 21 YEARS:

	Female Indians over 21 years 1910	Female Orient- als over 21 years 1910	Per cent increase; Indians and Orient-als	Estimated female Indians over 21 years 1916	Estimated female Orientals over 21 years 1916
Illinois,	56	49	61.4	90	79
Kansas,	373	2	18.1	441	2
Montana,	2,811	46	-12.1	2,471	40
Idaho,	1,031	57	-18.1	844	47
Wyoming,	376	38	34.3	504	51
Colorado,	284	85	99.4	566	169
Arizona,	6,329	42	9.6	6,937	46
Utah,	747	81	55.7	1,163	126
Nevada,	1,511	61	4.3	1,576	64
Washington,	2,904	1,298	39.1	4,039	1,806
Oregon,	1,323	366	-9.3	1,200	332
California,	4,209	5,936	35.0	5,682	8,014
Total.....				25,513	10,776

ALIEN FEMALES, OF ALL AGES:

	Aliens (both sexes) who arrived 1906- 1910	Esti- mated per cent increase 1910- 1916	Estimated total in both sexes 1916	Estimated females of all ages 1916 two-fifths of total
Illinois,	221,195	24.2	274,724	109,895
Kansas,	17,206	24.0	21,335	8,534
Montana,	20,290	35.0	27,392	10,957

Idaho	6,731	27.6	8,589	3,436
Wyoming	7,829	44.6	11,321	4,528
Colorado,	22,095	25.1	27,641	11,056
Arizona,	13,676	51.2	20,678	8,271
Utah,	10,493	27.1	13,337	5,335
Nevada,	3,820	29.9	4,962	1,985
Washington,	43,444	26.1	54,783	21,913
Oregon,	18,772	28.6	24,141	9,656
California,	86,644	21.9	105,619	42,248
Total....	472,215		594,522	237,809

ESTIMATED TOTAL, ALIEN AND NON-CAUCASIAN WOMEN:

Alien females of all ages, less than 5 years in America.....	237,809
Negro women over 21 years.....	87,641
Indian women over 21 years.....	25,513
Oriental women over 21 years.....	10,776
Total.....	361,739
Total estimated female population over 21 years, in 1916.....	4,396,333
Total negro, Indian and Oriental women over 21 years, plus all alien females in America less than 5 years, in 1916.....	361,739
Estimate of possible women voters, under Mrs. George's theory, in 1916.....	4,034,594

THE great error that the antis and faint-hearted suffragists make is to assume that the figures that were published in the Census Report of 1910 are the correct figures for the year of 1916. There have been six years of national growth since that report was published, and the Congressional Union bases its statement on a scientific estimate of the probable population at the present time, not six years ago.

NO group in history ever held the political power that women hold today. Even the labor group, which by united action has accomplished such wonderful advancement for its interests, has never claimed influence over more than 2,000,000 votes. Their vote, under ordinary conditions, is scattered through all the parties, but immediately an issue arises that affects their group, a call goes out from the leaders demanding that members of the labor group ignore their party affiliations in the interest of labor. It makes no difference to them what party is helped or hurt when that interest is at stake. Labor always responds to the call.

The Congressional Union takes the stand that women, as a class, have the same sort of a group interest that labor has, and that, once they are aroused to their group interest and power and are organized, as labor is, they will have infinitely greater power than labor ever possessed to win anything that they need or desire.

SO, while the Antis and the Suffragists who have not yet learned to think politically are uniting to deny the amount of political power held by women, and to question the ethics of using even such power as they admit exists, the Congressional Union is going steadily ahead, raising funds from those who have faith in the solidarity of women, sending its organizers to the West, actually finding the women that the census told them were there, and organizing them into a firm and active group ready to enter the fight, if need be, to win political liberty for all women.

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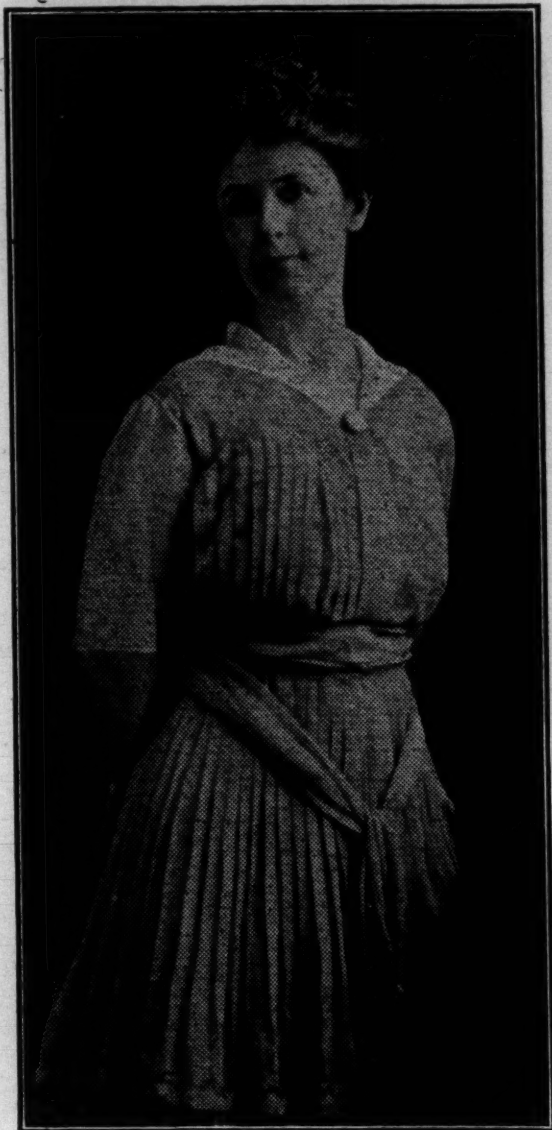
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Eight Organizers Concentrating on the West

MISS CLARA LOUISE ROWE, a graduate of Syracuse University, is the eighth national organizer to go into the western field to solidify the vote of the women in the twelve enfranchised states. She leaves Washington this week to take up the organization work in Montana, which has already been started by Miss Margaret Whittemore.



Miss Margery Ross

Who is organizing in Wyoming

The organizers are a picturesque group of young women who are working to develop the organization of the Union in the suffrage states.

Miss Margery Ross, who left Washington last week for Cheyenne, Wyoming, where she is making arrangements for the organization of the Union in that state, was for seven years teacher of Latin at Fairmont Seminary, Washington. She was very

active in the Pennsylvania state campaign, where she served as district chairman. Before joining the western organizers she was executive secretary of the Congressional Union at the Washington headquarters.

Like Miss Rowe, who has been organizing for the Union in Delaware, Miss Ross is thoroughly experienced in developing the work according to the congressional district plan adopted by the Union. Both young women have engaged in precinct organization work in Washington and have been active in the lobby conducted at the capital under the direction of Miss Anne Martin. They go into the West with the experience gained by conspicuous service in the unenfranchised states.

Miss Margaret Whittemore, the organizer in Idaho, was in charge of the famous suffrage booth at the exposition. She conducted the Newport campaign of the Union last summer and has helped actively in Michigan, her home state, where she organized a state branch of the Union.

Miss Mabel Vernon's activities in Kansas have attracted nation-wide attention. Under her direction the work of the Union has been carried into every congressional district, deputations to congressmen and senators have been organized and a petition presented to President Wilson on his recent visit to Topeka. She is from Delaware and a graduate of Swarthmore College. She was the first of the band of Congressional Union organizers to take up the work. She served as the advance guard for the women envoys from California.

The South is ably represented in the group by Mrs. E. St. Clair Thompson, of North Carolina, one of the first women in that section to openly declare for the enfranchisement of women by a federal amendment. Mrs. Thompson helped at the Washington headquarters for two years before taking up work in the field.

California, the largest and one of the most important states from a political point of view, will be lined up for nation-wide suffrage by Mrs. Clara Snell Wolf, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Wolf is state chairman of the Texas branch of the Union and is a woman of striking personality as well as a speaker of unusual ability. Under her direction the organization work in Texas has reached a high degree of efficiency. She left for California Monday, and will remain in that state until the work is completed.

Illinois is claiming the time and attention of Miss Elsie Hill. Miss Hill is a graduate of Vassar and has spent considerable time studying in France. She was president of the District of Columbia College Suffrage League for two years.

Miss Doris Stevens, who is making a tour of all of the suffrage states and covering the state conferences, is a graduate of Oberlin College and an experienced suffrage worker. She organized the great woman voters convention last autumn and has had charge of a number of the most important demonstrations undertaken by the Union.

Deputation to Senator Thompson

MISS MABEL VERNON was the spokesman of a delegation of Kansas women who called upon Senator William Howard Thompson at his hotel in Topeka, Wednesday afternoon, seizing at once upon the opportunity offered by his brief visit to the state.

"Senator Thompson, Democrat, of Garden City, Kans., beamed," says the Topeka *Daily Capital* of February 23. "He radiated welcome. He was effusive in his greeting. He was eloquent in his assurances."

Miss Vernon and the suffragists with her told Mr. Thompson they had called to discuss the national suffrage amendment. "Almost immediately," says the report, "Senator Thompson became the

audience, and gave minute attention to what he heard."

Members of the delegation urged Senator Thompson, because he was an avowed friend of national suffrage, to plead with his colleagues in Congress to take such steps as were necessary to force action on the Susan B. Anthony amendment during this session. To this the Senator agreed.

Miss Vernon impressed upon him the necessity for him to go to his party leaders and demand that immediate action be taken. Mr. Thompson agreed to use his influence with Representative Taggart to get the Anthony amendment out of committee, saying that he would do the best he could.

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The Susan B. Anthony Amendment

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right of suffrage to women.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution, namely:

"ARTICLE.—SEC. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"SEC. 2. Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article."

THE AMENDMENT IN THE SIXTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

Introduced

In the Senate, on December 7, by Senators Sutherland, Thomas and Thompson.

In the House, on December 6, by Representatives Mondell, Raker, Keating and Hayden.

Referred

In the Senate, to the Committee on Woman Suffrage.

In the House, to the Judiciary Committee.

Reported

In the Senate, January 8, the Sutherland Amendment, known as Senate Joint Resolution No. 1; by a favorable vote.

Present Status

In the Senate, on the calendar, awaiting action.

In the House, before the Judiciary Committee.

HISTORY OF THE AMENDMENT

Drafted

In its present form, by Susan B. Anthony in 1875.

First Introduced,

January 10, 1878, by Hon. A. A. Sargent, in the Senate.

Reported from Committee,

In the Senate,

1878, Adverse majority.
1879, Favorable minority.
1882, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1884, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1886, Favorable majority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1892, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1896, Adverse majority.
1913, Favorable majority.
1914, Favorable majority.
1916, Favorable majority.

In the House,

1883, Favorable majority.
1884, Adverse majority, favorable minority.
1886, Favorable minority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1894, Adverse majority.
1914, Without recommendation.

Voted Upon

In the Senate,

January 25, 1887. Yeas 16, nays 34.
Absent 26 (of whom 4 were announced as for, and 2 against).

March 19, 1914. Yeas 35, nays 34, failing by 11 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

In the House,

January 12, 1915. Yeas 174, nays 204, failing by 78 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

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A Word to the Wise is Sufficient

THE Democratic Party, during its administration of the national government, is being urged by thousands of women individually and by tens of thousands of women in organized groups to make this a land of political liberty. President Wilson, the leader of that party, in his recent address in Philadelphia, declared that the United States "is a land of political liberty." Mr. Wilson forgot the half of her citizens who do not yet share in the blessings of American citizenship he so eloquently described, but, since he stood for the principle of political liberty and held it up as an American ideal, there is yet time for him and for his party to make it in fact what it is in theory—a country of political liberty.

This opportunity was afforded the Democratic Party once before at a time just as critical in the history of that party as is the present hour. It came during the first years of reconstruction.

The women suffragists of that period had looked to the Republican Party, which had made the enfranchisement of the negro its great political measure, to raise women to the status of the negro. The Republicans gave many assurances to the women that they would do so. Believing in those promises the women campaigned for the Republican Party and it was said time and again by such leaders as Garrison that Anna Dickinson herself carried several doubtful states. Although they had done so much to maintain in power the party that had appealed to them "for the sake of the Union," the woman suffragists were denied constitutional political recognition by the party for whom they had slaved.

The Democratic Party realised the inconsistency of the Republican conduct in this matter. It was not blind to the way in which, according to Republican logic, women who were "sane, judicious, brilliant statesmen" as long as they submerged their own rights in party victory became "unreasonable, selfish, fanatical rebels," when they asserted their own right to qualify for the franchise; when they pleaded that sex as well as race be destroyed as a barrier to the vote.

The Democratic Party not only saw but it acted—to some extent. It introduced petitions for a federal woman suffrage amendment; its members advocated the cause and franked their speeches all over the country. Many came from it for financial help to the "Revolution," the paper which stood as the organ of the suffrage movement. Because women who had campaigned for the Republican Party lost faith in it when it broke its pledges and accepted Democratic aid, they were called "Copperheads," "Traitors," to the Government, and other pleasant things. If the Democrats were hypocritical, according to Republican charges, the latter were teacherous, was the reply.

It looked for a time as if the Democratic Party would make women its big issue; as if it would go before the voters of the country with the insistence that women had as much need of the vote as the negro male. It would have been a noble campaign to have waged; but the Democratic Party proved itself incapable of playing so high a rôle. As a consequence the Party played no rôle at all until it was capable of better leadership.

A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

Election Shadow

SENATOR O'GORMAN, of New York, one of the leaders on the Democratic side, has just read into the *Congressional Record* the speech recently delivered by Ex-Governor Glynn of New York, "regarding the current political questions." This speech calls attention to the achievements of the Democratic Party during the last four years, and points out the claims for the continuance of the party in office as a result of this record.

"Four years ago," says the *Record*, "the Nation committed its care and welfare to the Democratic Party, and the Democratic Party has been true to the trust. It has preserved peace, promoted prosperity, maintained national honor, observed international laws, and followed the traditions of the country."—*Congressional Record*, March 9, 1916.

And so, day by day, the *Record* is filled with the claims of the Democratic Party for support in the next election.

In the midst of this complacency over their deeds, the Democrats are, however, a trifle uneasy, apparently, over certain flaws in their record.

Senator Newlands of Nevada calls, for instance, this week upon "the Democratic Party, now responsible for all legislation," to correct the mistakes made in the past and to do the things it has left undone.

To quote him exactly:

"We are going into a campaign less than a year hence, and we have now the opportunity of correcting the mistakes we have made in the past."

One of these mistakes of the Democratic Party is its treatment of the suffrage amendment. We urge the party before it is too late, to improve its record on this point, if it wishes another lease of power.

Endorsement of Federal Amendment

THE numerous refusals during the past few weeks of overwhelmingly Democratic legislatures to submit to the male voters of their states a referendum bill on the question of woman suffrage constitute an eloquent indorsement of the position of Southern women in giving their support to the national amendment. The Southern legislatures, by their refusal to submit the question to the voters, have asserted the right of the legislature to decide the question without a referendum. Hence the Southern women are more and more feeling themselves released to work for the federal amendment instead of confining their efforts to a state amendment.

Moreover, when such almost solidly Democratic legislatures as Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama refuse to submit the question, the Democratic party leaders can hardly continue their party opposition to the Anthony amendment on the ground that "it gives the legislatures the right to decide the issue and does not permit the people to pass on it." The Solid South, by defeating every attempt to permit the voters to pass on the question, is committing the Democratic party to the federal method in most emphatic terms.

Congressional Union is Organized in New Mexico

THE new branch of the Congressional Union in New Mexico, which was organized February 28 at Santa Fe, under the direction of Mrs. E. St. Clair Thompson, field secretary for the Southern States, and Miss Doris Stevens, chairman of the organization department of the Union, is in the hands of a strong committee of representative women.

The state chairman is Mrs. Joshua Reynolds, of Albuquerque. The vice-chairmen are: Mrs. Nina Otero-Warren, Santa Fe; Mrs. Albert B. Fall, wife of Senator Fall, of Three Rivers; Mrs. H. W. Clark, wife of the state tax commissioner of Las Vegas; Mrs. Ralph C. Ely, wife of the chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Santa Fe; Mrs. Walter L. Kegel, of Raton; Mrs. John R. McFie, of Gallup; Mrs. Robert F. Asplund, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, of Santa Fe; Mrs. Kate Hall, of Santa Fe.

The secretary is Mrs. Margaret Medler, president of the Woman's Club of Albuquerque, and the treasurer is Mrs. A. B. McMillan, of Albuquerque. Mrs. Sidney Brooks, of Santa Fe, is publicity chairman.

The mass meeting was featured by the passing of resolutions calling on the Judiciary Committee of the House to reverse its recent vote to postpone reporting the suffrage resolution until next December and calling on Congress to pass immediately the resolution proposing to enfranchise the women of the United States. Copies of the last resolution were sent to Senators Fall and Catron, and to Representative Hernandez with the request that it be read into the Record of the Senate and House, respectively.

Mrs. R. F. Asplund, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, was in the chair, and the speakers were: Mr. J. J. Kenney, Mrs. William J. Barker, Mrs. E. St. Clair Thompson, and Miss Doris Stevens.

"The hall of representatives was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting in the colors of the Union—white, gold and purple," says the *Santa Fe New Mexican*. "Attractive young ladies, wear-

ing scarfs of the Union's colors, and selling suffrage buttons or literature, greeted everyone with a smile. Cut flowers and ferns added to the pretty scene, and then there were speakers, prominent in city, state and nation.

"The co-star orators of the evening were Mrs. E. St. Clair Thompson, southern secretary of the Union, and Miss Doris Stevens, national organizer of the Union. They held the audience spellbound

stood so far above the rest of the world for culture, wisdom and courage, also stood for the recognition of the equality of women with men, politically and morally. Although suffrage itself is a new issue, he said the arguments in favor of it are as old as civilization. He declared strongly that "a great idea may be born in a matured mind, but it can't reach fulfillment unless there is added to the vision of the older mind a power which is called youth."

Regarding the meeting the *Santa Fe New Mexican* of February 29 says:

"Ringing speeches by a man and several women favoring equal suffrage in general and the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitution in particular; the forming of a New Mexico state branch of the Congressional Union for Equal Suffrage with Mrs. Joshua Reynolds, of Albuquerque, chairman; the raising of \$552 in cash for the cause; the making of plans to induce Congress to take speedy and favorable action on the amendment; the passage of suitable resolutions and finally, a group flashlight picture of enthusiasts in the cause of 'Votes for Women'—

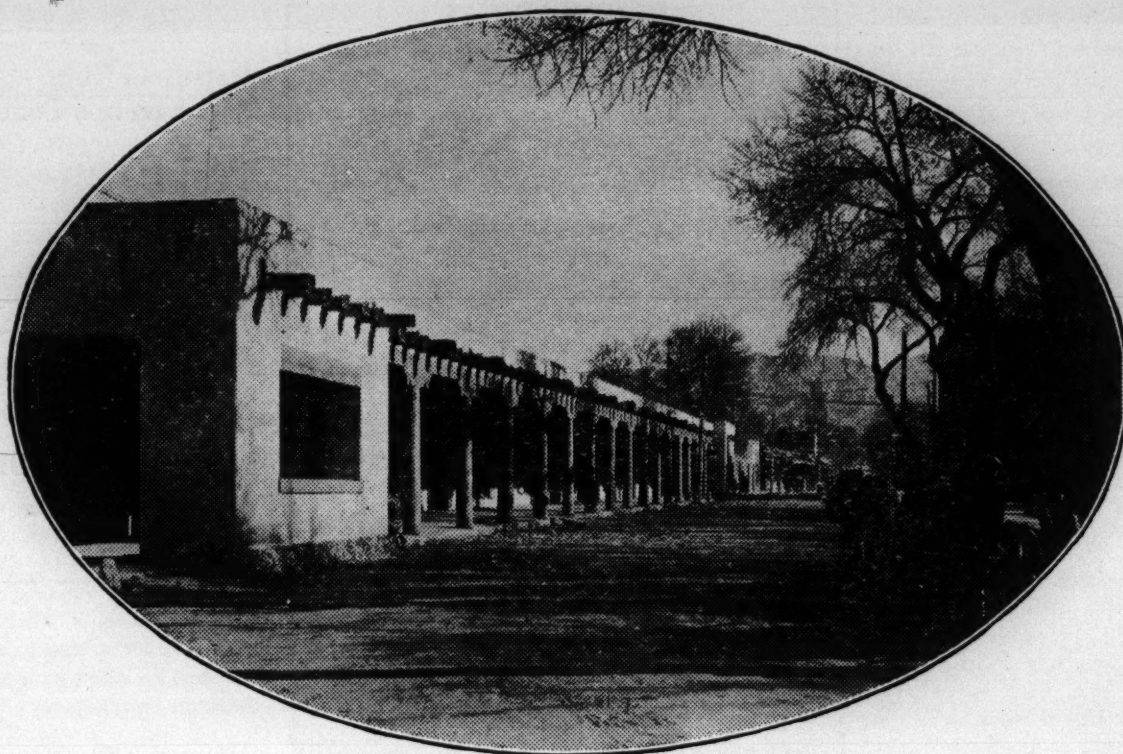
these were the 'high lights' at the conference of suffragists held at the state capitol last night."

Mrs. Nina Otero-Warren, one of the vice-presidents, left Santa Fe at once for Washington, and plans to get in immediate touch with the congressional situation at the capital, in order to help more effectively in organizing the Congressional Union forces in her state.

Mrs. Otero-Warren represents the pure Spanish element in the state. Her maternal grandfather, Count de Luna, was the original grantee from Spain for half of what is now known as New Mexico.

Miss Stevens left Santa Fe after the meeting for Albuquerque, where a conference was held on future plans with Mrs. Reynolds, the newly elected state chairman. One of the first pieces of work to be undertaken by the new committee is a benefit at Albuquerque for money-raising purposes.

A meeting was held at Albuquerque on Friday at the beautiful home of Mrs. Max Nordham. Miss Stevens was the speaker.



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with their addresses; they talked almost in conversational tones, but they threw such charm of personality into their utterances, and struck such an earnest note in their appeals, voicing the justice of a demand for the privilege of self-direction, that they were given ovations as they concluded."

In a brief introductory speech Mrs. Asplund spoke emphatically of the necessity of passing the Susan B. Anthony amendment before there could be any possible chance of equal suffrage in New Mexico. She said that the State Federation of Women's Clubs was strongly in favor of suffrage and the organization of a state branch of the Union would be met with approval throughout the state by all thinking women.

Mr. Kenney, the next speaker, touched on the fact that the three ancient civilizations which

Mr. Van Dyke Sees His Constituents

A DELEGATION of St. Paul suffragists led by Mrs. A. R. Colvin, chairman of the Congressional Union branch in Representative Van Dyke's district, called upon Mr. Van Dyke while he was on a recent brief visit home, and urged him to support the federal suffrage amendment. The women who talked to Mr. Van Dyke were:

Mrs. A. R. Colvin, Mrs. C. P. Noyes, president of the Welfare League; Mrs. L. A. Hamlin, Mrs. G. M. Kenyon and Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson.

Members of the delegation expressed their eagerness to become political factors in deciding such national issues as preparedness.

Mr. Van Dyke told the delegation that he knew

how he was going to vote on the bill, but that he did not want to make a public statement of his position at this time.

Mr. Van Dyke, who is a strong labor man, said that "labor unions have always stood for suffrage."

His attitude gave the delegation the impression that they might count upon his support.

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Working With Judiciary Committee

The Outlook

CONGRESSIONAL Union workers at Washington are much encouraged over the outlook for an early report of the suffrage amendment to the House. Recent letters from Representatives on the Committee who are favorable to the measure indicate a report when the resolution is again brought up.

Friendly members who were present when the vote was taken in the committee have given assurances of their continued support. Representative Harry Howard Dale, of the Fourth New York District, for instance, recently wrote: "Replying to yours of the 25th, would say that I stand ready at any time to vote out the suffrage amendment from the committee on the Judiciary."

Friends of the measure who were absent at the previous meeting have promised to make every effort to be present next time. Miss Anne Martin, chairman of the legislative committee, received the following letter from Representative Hunter H. Moss, March 2: "I have asked the clerk of the Committee to notify me when the next hearing upon woman suffrage is held, and hope to have the pleasure of being present and voting for a favorable report on the measure."

Mr. Moss has been ill for several weeks at his home in West Virginia.

Other messages equally as encouraging have been received from members of the Judiciary who are favorable to the amendment. In the districts of Representatives who voted adversely in the committee, intensive campaigns have been waged by leaders in the Congressional Union work.

Protest Meetings in Carlin's District

REPRESENTATIVE CARLIN'S adverse vote in the committee has brought down a storm of indignation from the suffragists in his district in Virginia. His constituents have been aroused to the importance of urging immediate consideration of the measure and numerous petitions and resolutions have been forwarded to him showing the attitude of the people on the question. Miss Mary Fendall, national organizer of the Union, has charge of the campaign in Mr. Carlin's district. She has arranged a mass meeting at Falls Church at which Miss Maude Younger will speak.

The *Alexander Union Star* of March 3, reports:

"The following resolution was passed unanimously by the Study Club in Economics at its regular meeting at Frank Schutt's Log Cabin, Cherrydale, Alexandria County, on Sunday, February 20:

"Resolved, that we, men and women constituents of Representative C. C. Carlin, of the Eighth District of Virginia, hereby call upon Mr. Carlin to use his influence and to work and vote for an early report of the Susan B. Anthony national suffrage amendment, by the Judiciary Committee to the House of Representatives, in this session of Congress."

Similar resolutions have been passed at meetings in different parts of this district.

Mr. Taggart's District

THROUGHOUT Kansas great interest has been manifested concerning the attitude of the party in control of Congress toward the suffrage resolution, according to Miss Vernon. In Lawrence, Ottawa and other towns in Representative Taggart's district meetings have been held and petitions sent

to Mr. Taggart urging action on the resolution. The failure of the Judiciary Committee to take steps to get the measure reported out has been the cause of indignant protests from suffragists throughout the state.

VOTE OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEBRUARY 15

The vote was on Representative Carlin's motion to refer all suffrage resolutions back to the subcommittee, with instructions to hold them until December 14, and stood as follows:

(R. indicates Republican; D., Democrat.)
Yeas, 9 (Anti-Suffragist).

E. Y. Webb, North Carolina, D.
C. C. Carlin, Virginia, D.
J. R. Walker, Georgia, D.
W. Gard, Ohio, D.
R. S. Whaley, South Carolina, D.
T. H. Caraway, Arkansas, D.
W. L. Igoe, Missouri, D.
W. E. Williams, Illinois, D.
H. J. Steele, Pennsylvania, D.

Nays, 7 (Pro-Suffragist).

J. Taggart, Kansas, D.
A. J. Volstead, Minnesota, R.
J. H. Nelson, Wisconsin, R.
W. M. Chandler, New York, R.
R. Y. Thomas, Kentucky, D.
H. H. Dale, New York, D.
G. S. Graham, Pennsylvania, R.

Absent, 5.

D. T. Morgan, Oklahoma, R.
H. H. Moss, West Virginia, R.
L. C. Dyer, Missouri, R.
M. M. Neeley, West Virginia, D.
H. G. Danforth, New York, R.

Four of the five absent members, Representatives Morgan, Moss, Dyer and Neeley, are pro-suffragists.

Sub-Committee No. 1, of the Judiciary Committee

To which all suffrage resolutions were referred by the Judiciary Committee on February 15, with instructions to hold them until December 14, in accordance with Representative Carlin's motion.

C. C. Carlin, chairman.
J. Taggart.
W. Gard.
R. S. Whaley.
A. J. Volstead.
J. M. Nelson.
D. T. Morgan.

It is most important that every member of the Judiciary Committee should receive as many letters as possible from men and women constituents and from everyone throughout the country interested in the Susan B. Anthony amendment, urging an early and favorable report of the amendment by the Judiciary Committee to the House this session. Address these letters to the members of the Judiciary Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

The *Lawrence Daily Gazette* of February 28 has the following report of Miss Vernon's activity in Mr. Taggart's district:

"Miss Vernon, young, alert, good-looking and of pleasing address, is interested just now in flooding Congressman Joseph Taggart, of this district, with letters, beseeching his aid in getting the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the federal constitution out of the Judiciary Committee of the lower house of Congress. Mr. Taggart is a member of this committee, and that is the reason for the beginning of activities of the state in this district, and the desire on the part of Miss Vernon to effect a district organization for the purpose of directing the work."

Petitions from Mr. Steele's District

MISS ISABELLA MOTT, national organizer of the Union, has completed a campaign in Representative Steele's district in Pennsylvania. Petitions were circulated through the district to be sent to Mr. Steele by his constituents.

Miss Ella Reigel, of Philadelphia, state chairman of the legislative work in Pennsylvania, has come to Washington to take charge personally of the work with the Representatives from that state on the Judiciary.

Indignation in Illinois

THE continued inertia of the House Judiciary Committee has called forth protests from Illinois suffragists who refuse to be patient over what is regarded as useless delay. Illinois members of the Congressional Union were recently aroused over a letter from Representative-at-Large William E. Williams who said that graver questions than the amendment should be given precedence by the Sixty-fourth Congress.

Regarding the message from Mr. Williams, *The Chicago Examiner* says:

"A letter received yesterday from Congressman W. E. Williams has stirred the women of the Congressional Union to reply with a demand instead of a request.

"The letter from Congressman Williams follows:

"Mrs. Bertram Sippy, 6515 Woodlawn avenue, Chicago, Ill.

"Dear Mrs. Sippy: I am in receipt of your letter and telegram relative to action on the Susan B. Anthony resolution now pending before Congress. I fully agree with you that this is an important question, and I shall vote the resolution out of the committee in December, but not earlier unless other matters of more vital importance are disposed of by the usual time for adjournment.

"The present session is crowded with grave questions affecting the welfare of the nation, which ought to have preference.

(Signed) "W. E. WILLIAMS."

"The reply of the suffragists follows:

"The Illinois Congressional Union demands immediate favorable action in this session of Congress, and asks again that you move a reconsideration of the unfriendly decision of the Judiciary Committee. No other matter is of more vital importance than the political freedom of half a nation. We, as women voters, protest against the endless postponement of this one measure covering an actual period of thirty-eight years in Congress.

(Signed) "Committee:

"MRS. BERTRAM SIPPY, Chairman.
"MRS. CHARLES W. KAYSER, President.
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"MRS. ALFRED LINTON.
"MISS FRANCES FROTHINGHAM.
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"MISS FLORENCE HOLBROOK."

Organizing in the Constituencies

THE complete political organization of the Congressional Union in Delaware was celebrated with a conference of all leaders in the Union work at the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Saturday, March 4. Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, the state chairman, presided and constituents from the three counties and the various districts were present.

Mrs. W. Watson Harrington represented Kent County and Miss M. Phyllis Mason, of Laurel, represented Sussex County. New Castle was organized and county officers chosen at the meeting. The complete organization of the state was effected by the election of the New Castle officers. They were: Chairman, Miss Elizabeth Speakman, Claymont; secretary, Miss Ellen Samworth, Wilmington; treasurer, Miss Beatrice Lofland; vice-chairmen, Miss Marie Lockwood, Mrs. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown; Mrs. Harry Hayward, Mrs. S. M. Donnell, Newark; Mrs. P. B. Lightner, Mrs. Julius Dodd, New Castle; Mrs. N. Wilkinson, Miss Martha Price, Delaware City; Mrs. J. T. Gough, Bear; Mrs. Wilkinson Cranston, Mrs. E. Rittenhouse, Mrs. A. J. Davidson, State Road; Mrs. A. A. Wilmot, Miss Mary Mullen, Claymont; Mrs. Francis I. DuPont, Mrs. Victor DuPont, Wilmington; Miss Helen Cranston, Newport.

Miss Phyllis Mason, chairman for Sussex, reported seven district organizations in her county—Lewes, Georgetown, Laurel, Seaford, Bridgeville, Millford and Delmar.

The eighteen branches of the Congressional Union in Delaware have been organized under the personal direction of Miss Clara Louise Rowe, a national organizer sent from Washington headquarters for that purpose.

Regarding the meeting and the luncheon which followed, the Wilmington paper, *Every Evening*, of March 4, had the following:

"It is the opinion of Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles that today, Inauguration Day, is a date for historians to note, as the political status of women was ushered in with the complete political organization of the state for equal suffrage. Henceforth politicians will consider the power of organized women and heed what they ask for the good of the state. Today the Congressional Union, of which Mrs. Hilles is chairman, held its first state convention, and gathered in its adherents from the three counties and from the congressional districts.

"The business meeting which opened with a hearty greeting and welcome by Mayor Price, who signed

the suffrage petition last fall, was held in the mezzanine floor of the Hotel DuPont, with Mrs. Hilles presiding, and this was followed by a luncheon in the rose room, where the decorations were patriotic as to country and loyal as to suffrage. The Stars and Stripes and the state banner stood back of the speakers' table, and the Congressional Union pennants and banners of purple, white and yellow were everywhere in the room.

"At the speakers' table sat Mrs. Hilles, Mrs. Julien Ortiz, state vice-chairman; Mrs. E. Paul DuPont, secretary; Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell, of London, England, principal speaker of the after-luncheon felicities; Mrs. Henry Ridgely, of Dover, toastmistress; Judge W. S. Prickett, of the Juvenile Court; Miss Elizabeth Carlisle, John H. Hickey, president of the Central Labor Union; Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, Dover; Miss Clara Louise Rowe, of Syracuse, N. Y., organizer; Miss Phyllis Mason, Laurel; Mrs. W. Watson Harrington, Dover; Mrs. Victor DuPont, Wilmington; Miss Ella Riegel, Bryn Mawr, Pa."

MRS. J. A. HOPKINS, state chairman of the New Jersey branch, and Miss Agnes F. Campbell have been campaigning in the Third Congressional District in Mrs. Hopkins' roadster. The car was decorated in the Congressional Union colors and attracted much attention along the roads and in the various villages where speeches were made. Despite the heavy going over roads covered with snow, the following towns were invaded: Spring Lake, Cranford, New Brunswick, Matawan, Belmar, Asbury Park, Bradley Beach, Lakewood and Freehold. Once the car with the two suffragists was lost in the pine woods near Lakeview, in a blinding snowstorm and after hours of delay finally reached an inn, where they were told they had narrowly missed going over a precipice into a river. Notwithstanding harrowing experiences hundreds of new names were added to the roster of the state branch.

A district conference is being arranged in Atlantic City by Mrs. Howard Boyle, chairman of the Second Congressional District, assisted by Miss Julia S. Hurlbut, one of the vice-chairmen of the state organization. Plans are under way for the Fifth Congressional District conference at which Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles will be the speaker. Another conference is being arranged for the Eleventh Congressional District.

OFFICERS of the Massachusetts branch of the Congressional Union report unceasing activity on the part of the members there to strengthen the constituency and broaden the scope of the work in that state. Monday evening Mrs. Olive Halliday Hasbrouck spoke before a gathering of Haverhill women at the home of Mrs. W. G. Sayward. On Thursday Mrs. Gertrude B. Newell spoke at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Horace L. Bearse.

A parcel post sale is announced for Friday afternoon at the new headquarters on Boylston Street, Boston. Mrs. Edward Townsend is chairman, and Miss Katherine Briggs is assisting in the arrangements. A meeting will be held March 10, at the studio of Miss Elizabeth Marot, in Worcester, to which the suffragists in the Third Congressional District are invited.

Leaders in New York State have carried the federal amendment work into every Congressional district with the result that most encouraging reports come from the different Congressional Union organizations regarding the interest that has been aroused. A conference and tea was held March 1, at the Century Club in Syracuse, at which Mrs. Mary R. Beard, Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain, Mrs. John Rogers, Jr., Mrs. Edward Everett Hale and Mrs. Anna Cadogan Etz were speakers.

The *Pittsburgh Dispatch* of March 4 reports:

"Miss Marjory Ross spoke before the Woman's Civic Club of Wilkesburg, Pa., on March 3, at the home of the president, Mrs. E. C. Weaver, in Franklin Avenue, giving a review of recent legislation and explaining the Susan B. Anthony amendment."

A series of parlor meetings has been inaugurated in Baltimore by the Maryland branch of the Congressional Union. The first was held at the home of Mrs. W. W. Ford, 1027 Cathedral Street, with Mrs. Edward Porritt, of Hartford, Conn., member of the National Advisory Council, as speaker. Following the speech a reception was held in honor of Mrs. Porritt. Mrs. Ford was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Townsend Scott, chairman of the Maryland branch, and the officers of the Baltimore branch.

Reports from other sections of the country show that the activities in the organized territory are progressing with unusual vigor. In St. Paul, Minn., two very clever plays have recently been given to raise funds for the Congressional Union. The session's debutantes served as ushers and the patronage at both performances was very gratifying.

National Headquarters in Running Order

EVERY department of the Congressional Union is now well established and running with the regularity of clock work in the new headquarters on Lafayette Square, Washington, D. C. Fourteen offices for carrying on the general work of the organization are maintained in the building. In addition there are eleven bedrooms, which are rented, and a suite of drawing rooms which is used for meetings and for entertaining. These rooms are also rented for afternoon and evening functions.

When the Congressional Union established the new headquarters two months ago, the officers were determined that the expense of the undertaking should be met by rental from the various rooms not needed for the especial use of the organization. After two months' occupancy the indications are that it will be possible to make the headquarters self-supporting and even a source of revenue to the Union.

On the first floor are the main offices, press department, offices of the executive secretary, store room for flags, literature and regalia, tea room and kitchen. The tea room is conducted by Mrs. Flor-



Mrs. Ella M. Dean
Hostess at Headquarters

ence Ingraham Blake, formerly of Annapolis. It caters to residents at headquarters and is frequently used by suffragists at Washington for entertaining friends at luncheon or dinner. The rental from the tea room adds considerably to the amount realized from the rooms in the building.

The drawing rooms, offices of Miss Alice Paul, the national chairman, and Miss Anne Martin, the chairman of the national legislative committee, are on the second floor. The treasurer's office and the office of the finance chairman are also on this floor. The business office and editorial rooms of *The Suffragist* are on the third floor. Five bedrooms on this floor and six bedrooms on the fourth floor are rented.

The management of the house is in charge of Mrs. Ella M. Dean, the official hostess. Mrs. Dean is a California woman of charming personality and gracious manner. She was in charge of the Congressional Union booth at the Panama-Pacific Exposition for the last three months of the exposition.

A number of notable affairs have been given in the drawing rooms since the Congressional Union took charge, and many others are included on the calendar for the month.



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MRS. FIELD REACHES JOURNEY'S END

MRS. SARA BARD FIELD, envoy from the great Woman Voters convention in San Francisco to Washington, where she presented a petition to Congress signed by several thousand enfranchised women asking for nation-wide suffrage, will be the honor guest at an elaborate luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, upon her arrival home. Mrs. Field left Washington early in February for the return trip to California. Stops were made at all the larger cities en route,

where mass meetings were held in the interest of the federal amendment work and addresses delivered by Mrs. Field and other leaders in the Congressional Union.

Reports from many cities denote the interest that was aroused by the meetings. "Mrs. Field made another of her wonderfully convincing speeches here," writes Mrs. F. K. Hayden Rector, member of the Advisory Council of the Congressional Union, from Columbus. Similar word comes from each center. Generous pledges were made to the Union's work

and resolutions passed asking the House Judiciary Committee to consider the suffrage resolution and make a favorable report before Congress adjourns. Mrs. Field spoke at Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake, and will conclude her lecture tour with the meeting of California members of the Union, at the St. Francis.

Plans for the luncheon and the meeting that will follow are in charge of Miss Gail Laughlin, state chairman of the California branch of the Union.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS

The Proper Time

("The Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment, urged with such good judgment, moderation and timeliness" [we think this is intended sarcastically] . . . "When trivial policies like preparedness, international relations, the raising of revenue are permitted to engross the attention of the country" . . . [this is sarcastic, too].—*Editorial, New York Times, February 17, 1916.*)

WHEN every nation is at peace,
And every government is stable,
When party disagreements cease,
And statesmen all are wise and able,
When the millennium is in sight,
Or seems, at least, not too remote,
Then only women might be right
To ask to vote.

Alice Duer Miller in The New York Tribune.

Preparedness

THAT grinding noise is the Congressional Union grindstone, sharpening the machetes for the Democrats who dodged a suffrage vote.—*Wichita Eagle, Wichita, Kan., Feb. 15.*

Not the Kansas Way

ALL that was the matter was that President Wilson and Secretary Tumulty treated the Kansas delegation as they had been accustomed to treat delegations of women in the East, and not as delegations of Kansas women are accustomed to being treated.—*The Hutchinson News, Hutchinson, Kans.*

Who Says Our Suffragists Are Not "Militant?"

AN ominous announcement full of sinister possibilities reaches us from the New York headquarters of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage.

This word of bale is to the effect that our Senators and Representatives at Washington were, yesterday, "showered" with "valentines" in pursuance of "a new strategy in the campaign of the proposed Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment."

Unhappy Senators and Representatives!

It was not enough that they should be "flooded" with the prose of this perpetual and implacable "campaign," but now they must be bombarded with the rimed artillery of the militant suffragettes!

It must be a sort of retribution upon the conscript fathers for their manifold sins.

True, many thousands of us have had troubles of our own in personal affliction of this annual epidemic of idiocy, but the effect was sporadic; it was not concentrated with a fell intent of punishment or dictation as in this deliberate and malevolent assault upon the national legislature by the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage.

But even the plight of an enemy may excite our utmost commiseration if it is brought about by circumstances or persons apart from our own opinions or interests.

What effect this latest atrocity of the suffragists will have on the assembled statesmanship of the greatest deliberative body in the world can only be conjectured.

Each of us thinks he knows what he would do in like predicament; but what we think we would do and what we would really do are two distinct propositions.

Of course the Congress of the United States can

assert its united manhood and defy this feminine tyrant; but the resentment of mere man in such circumstances seldom gets him anywhere; and most of our Representatives are married men.

There is good reason to believe that eventually this Congress of ours will be compelled to capitulate; when our women resort to valentine verses to accomplish their designs on man there is little more to be said or done; it was the last straw that broke the camel's back; and valorous as Davy Crockett's coon may have wished to consider himself his discretion got the better of his courage when he saw Davy's gun.—*The Tribune, San Diego, Cal., February 15.*

Camping on Steele's Trail

THE announcement that the Congressional Union of Suffragists intended to camp on the trail of Congressman Steele and bring pressure to bear on him as a member of the judiciary committee of the House with the purpose of having him reverse his attitude on the question of woman suffrage, has been productive of considerable interest here. Some, and naturally they are those who favor giving the vote to women, looked upon the proposition with seriousness and with every purpose of carrying it out. Others smile. They say they know Mr. Steele and that once his mind is made up, he will not change his views.

The Congressional Union means business eventually, and it proposes to hold the party in power responsible if Congress does not get in line for the suffrage amendment. It means to throw the weight of "4,000,000 women votes" against the Democratic party candidates in the Presidential election if the amendment is not passed before November. This is the announced intention, a clear cut political proposition.—*Easton (Pa.) Press, February 28.*

Treasurer's Report

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD \$150,000 FUND FOR SECURING THE PASSAGE OF THE FEDERAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

IN ORDER to meet the expense of the extensive campaign that the Congressional Union is promoting in the suffrage states, the Union issues an urgent appeal for funds.

One of the most interesting gifts that has come recently is from little Miss Helen McCloy, daughter of Mrs. William C. McCloy, Brooklyn, N. Y. To raise funds for the Union the small hostess gave a fair, and to finance the undertaking, sacrificed her annual birthday party. Twenty dollars, representing the proceeds from the fair, has been added to the list of contributions. We ask all other members to devise some way of adding to the campaign fund.

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